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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, UN
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1. MISSION OFFICER SPOKE WITH CHARLES SOURBONNIERE, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICE, UN OFFICE GENEVA (UNOG) ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1976. BOURBONNIERE SAID THAT THE ASSIGNMENT OF MICHAEL CLARK TO CHIEF, OPI TOKYO WAS NOW A PROBABILITY AS OPPOSED TO A POSSIBILITY. THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, ALMOST A FOREGONE CONCLUSION, WAS LAST HURDLE TO BE CLEARED BEFORE CLARK'S ASSIGNMENT COULD BE FIRMED UP.

2. AS TO WHAT MIGHT FOLLOW IN THE GENEVA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION IN THE WAKE OF CLARK'S TRANSFER, BOURBONNIERE TIED FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS TO IMPENDING CHANGES IN UNOG'S FRONT OFFICE (REFTEL B). ACCORDING TO BOURBONNIERE (PLEASE PROTECT ON THIS POINT) UNOG DIRECTOR GENERAL WINSPEARE-GUICCIARDI PREFERS FRANCIS COOK, CURRENTLY UNDER MICHAEL CLARK IN OPI AS CHIEF OF FRENCH DESK, AS HIS NEW CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO REPLACE THEODORE D'OULTREMONT (BELGIUM) WHO RETIRES
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AT THE END OF 1976. WINSPEARE'S ALLEGED PREFERENCE FOR

COOK TO REPLACE D'OULTREMONT CAUSES SOME PROBLEMS HOWEVER, AS (ACCORDING TO BOURBONNIERE QUOTING WINSPEARE) SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM HAS ALREADY PROMISED THE FRENCH THAT THEY COULD REPLACE OUTGOING UNOG DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAUL COIDAN WITH A FRENCH CITIZEN; THUS COOK'S ASSIGNMENT WOULD PLACE TWO FRENCH NATIONALS IN THE UNOG FRONT OFFICE. BOURBONNIERE SAID THAT WINSPEARE PREFERS PAUL BERTHOUD, A SWISS CURRENTLY UNCTAD'S CHIEF OF CONFERENCE AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS, AS COIDAN'S REPLACEMENT AND COOK AS D'OULTREMONT'S REPLACEMENT.

COMMENT: IN DISCUSSING THE FOREGOING MISSION OFFICER WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO PUSH ANY US CANDIDATES FOR UNOG FRONT OFFICE POSITIONS. IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF PLACING AMERICANS IN SENIOR UNOG POSITIONS, WE SHOULD PRESENT CANDIDATES IMMEDIATELY.

3. SHOULD COOK GET THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL JOB, BOURBONNIERE'S PREFERENCE IS FOR TONY CURNOW (NEW ZEALAND) TO REPLACE CLARK AND TO PLACE A US CITIZEN AT EITHER THE P-4 (POSSIBLY BILL MAHONEY OF RFE, MUNICH) OR THE P-3 (POSSIBLY MARITY BRADLEY OF REFTEL C) LEVEL. BOURBONNIERE ALLOWED THAT THE US COULD REPLACE CLARK WITH ONE OF ITS NATIONALS IF OUR CANDIDATE COMES FROM WITHIN THE SYSTEM AND IF APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS ARE MADE WITH ASYG AKATANI AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. MR. CHARLES GAULKIN, CURRENTLY A P-4 IN THE CENTRAL WRITING AND EDITING UNIT, PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION, OPI, UN HEADQUARTERS IS AN ACCEPTABLE REPLACEMENT FOR CLARK, ACCORDING TO BOURBONNIERE, AND PAUL RESS, FORMER TIME MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT AND CURRENTLY PRESS OFFICER FOR UNEP IN GENEVA IS POSSIBLY ALSO ACCEPTABLE.

4. ON THE CHANCE THAT FRANCIS COOK DOES NOT BECOME CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, BOURBONNIERE WOULD FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT COOK SHOULD REPLACE CLARK, POSSIBLY TAKING THE "FRENCH DESK" FUNCTION WITH HIM TO THE JOB OF CHIEF, PRESS SECTION. COOK HAS BEEN ACTING CHIEF IN THE PAST AND RIGHTLY DESERVES TO BE PROMOTED, CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCORDING TO BOURBONNIERE. MISSION WOULD AGREE ON THIS POINT AND WE SEE LITTLE TO BE GAINED FROM FIGHTING COOK'S PROMOTION SHOULD HE STAY IN THE PRESS SECTION.

5. HOPEFULLY GIVEN THE FOREGOING OUR OPTIONS ARE CLEAR: (A) IF COOK STAYS IN THE PRESS SECTION RECRUIT MS. BRADLEY, MR. MAHONEY, OR SOME

OTHER QUALIFIED US CANDIDATE FOR A P-3 OR P-4
SLOT UNDER COOK; (B) IF COOK LEAVES THE PRESS
SECTION, MAKE OUR DESIGNS ON THE CLARK JOB KNOWN AND
ADVANCE THE CANDIDACY OF GAULKIN OR RESS.

6. IT IS CONCEIVABLE, BUT NOT PROBABLY, THAT EITHER
RESS OR MAHONEY COULD BE HIRED AT SOME POINT PER
THE ABOVE AND BRADLEY COULD COME ON LATER AS A REPLACE-
MENT FOR ENDER (REFTEL C), BUT THAT DEPENDS ON OPE'S
ABILITY TO PLACE ENDER ELSEWHERE IN THE VERY NEAR
FUTURE, SOMETHING WHICH WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME
OF OPI'S PROPOSALS TO FIFTH COMMITTEE THIS FALL.

7. MICHAEL CLARK IS CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK PREPARING
FOR THE GA. MISSION OFFICERS TOOK THE LIBERTY OF
GIVING MR. STOTTLEMYER'S NAME TO MR. CLARK BEFORE
HE DEPARTED GENEVA WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT HE CALL
TO KEEP US APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. STOTTLEMYER
MAY WISH TO CALL CLARK IN THE MEANTIME.
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